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"RIGHT OR WRONG, OUR COUNTRY"

(See Henry Watterson in Courier Journal.)

It is no war—war between the United States and Spain; war between liberty and despotism; war between mankind and kings; war between humanity and barbarism; between the Twentieth century and the Twelfth.

There need be no further formal declaration. Other Powers may receive a conventional notification, but as between the combatants themselves war already exists and has been virtually declared. For from the moment that Spain, having been informed by Polo of our ultimatum, forbade its ceremonious presentation by notifying our Minister at Madrid that all civil relations between the two countries were severed, these two countries were, under the very terms of the ultimatum, at war. We had no notice that unless Spain complied with our demands within a specified time force would be employed to compel her to comply. Her refusal to even receive that demand from our representative, knowing its terms from her own, was an instantaneous ending of peaceful relations, to be inevitably followed by the movement of our ships upon Havana for the purpose of beginning, by the blockade of that port, the policy of armed intervention, of which we had given more than ample notice.

The first gun that sounded over the waters at Havana today shatters the last remnant on this hemisphere of an empire that was once the pride of the earth. Four hundred years ago, after the Spanish caravels had opened a new world to the white man, Spain followed up their discoveries with conquest and colonization which, her policy constantly being followed by the movement of our ships upon Havana for the purpose of beginning, by the blockade of that port, the policy of armed intervention, of which we had given more than ample notice.

Spain's action in dismissing Minister Woodford upon the presentation of our ultimatum was really characteristic of Spanish statesmanship and a piece with the really cunning of her recent diplomacy. It was, and yet it was more than, the action of a nation which confronts a momentous situation with the fortitude of a spoiled child, or the frivolous, false, vain woman who feels a great deal, and lately about Spanish patriotism, but Spanish patriotism has always been an easy victim when seduced by Spanish avarice. Where there ever a Spanish army whose officers did not prey more upon their country than they harmed the enemy? Where was there ever a Spanish colony whose officials did not have one hand in the Treasury of the "Fatherland" and the other on the throat of its off spring? That was Spain then, and it is Spain now. And that is why from the mightiest power in Europe she has become almost the weakest; why when she might have been supreme in the world she has become a laughing stock to the world; why she has lost her last remnant and her last stay, falls from her decrepit grandeur.

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The Courier-Journal does not propose here to defend the right of the war which began yesterday. We have set forth that right so fully in recent issues that it would be needless repetition now to reiterate it. The American who yet doubts that right, or to whom it is obscure, is lacking in knowledge of his country's history and destiny, if not blinded as to the moral and humane sensibilities. But the war is an actuality now; the time for ethical hair-splitting is gone. It is a war in the eyes of God and man; we are waging for God and man. And whether every American sees it with such eyes, he must see it now with the eyes of him who proclaims: "May she always be right, but right or wrong, our country." It is our country, right or wrong, and every one of our countrymen worthy of a country is with her. We are all for the war now, whatever we may have been forty-eight hours ago. We are for it in our hearts and our consciences, its quick and glorious conclusion. Bickering and cavilling are swept away, factions and divisions are closed up. We are Americans all, for America against the world; ready with our substance, with our service, with our lives, to answer to any call our country may make upon us.

"So out of shop and farm-house, from shore and inland glen,
Thick as the bees in clover-time are swarming armed men,
Southward the hosts are hurrying, with banners wide unfurled,
From where the stately Hudson floats the wealth of half the world,
From where, amid his thousand lakes, Lake Huron's waters gleam;
From where the Mississippi pours an unimpeded stream;
From where Kentucky's fields of corn bend in the Southern air;
From broad Ohio's luscious vines; from Jersey's orchards fair;
From where between his fertile slopes Nebraska's rivers run;
From Pennsylvania's iron hills; from woody Oregon,
O mothers, sisters, daughters! spare the tears ye vain would shed;
Who seem to die in such a cause, ye can not call them dead;
They live upon the lips of men, in picture, bust and song;
And nature folds them in her heart and keeps them safe from wrong.
Oh! length of days is not a boon the brave man prays for;
There are a thousand evils worse than death or any war—
Oppression with its iron strength, fed on the souls of men;
And license with the hungry brood that hangs his ghastly den;
But like bright stars ye fill the eye—adoring hearts ye draw,
O sacred grace of Liberty! O majesty of Law!"

THE TRUTH.

The board of public works of Louisville, will soon be called upon to let contracts for a million brick to be used in street paving and also several million to be used in the construction of the water works reservoir. If the board embraced in its membership men who were actuated by a patriotic desire to build up the industry of Kentucky, they would see to it that the Cloverport brick plants be given a chance to bid and secure the contracts. This would give employment to three or four hundred skilled workmen in Cloverport, and a large portion of the money thus distributed would find its way back to Louisville through the wholesale houses that supply our merchants with their stocks of goods. It would also recuperate Louisville capitalists for the loss sustained by the plants remaining idle, as they are owned principally by Louisville men.

The vampire politicians who control the affairs of Louisville, have done more to kill the industrial plants in this section than any other agency, and so long as they are in power honest competition is out of the question.

Some day, when municipal officers become virtuous and the political machine is on, we can expect justice and reciprocity from Louisville, but in these days when Tammany is bigger than competition, we can expect nothing but stones when we ask for bread.

In this little skirmish with Spain General Lee will be a central figure.

Those in a position to judge of such matters, say that the war with Spain will be of short duration.

Mr. Eason, the electrician, thinks that electricity will play an important part in the war with Spain.

The Consul from Spain was allowed to leave this country unmolested. What did the Spaniards try to do for Lee?

The farmers in this county are considerably behind with their spring work. The wet, cold weather of the last few weeks has set them back a good deal.

The commercial convention and the musical festival, each to be held in Louisville during the next month, will attract great crowds of people to that city.

The railroads have been doing a fine business for some weeks, carrying soldiers and war equipments South. When your Uncle Sam takes hold, things move in earnest.

Our people need not be alarmed about the powers of Europe combining against the United States in this war with Spain. Even if they should, we are able to hold our own against the combined world.

HARDINSBURG.

Cheap paints at Witt's.
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A fine lot of laces at Witt's.
Go to Witt's and get your drugs.
Cheap patent medicines at Witt's.
A large lot of paints and oils at Witt's.
A new line of gents' neckties at Witt's.
A full line of family groceries at Witt's.
A large lot of dry goods and notions at Witt's.

V. B. Burton is enlisting a company for the war with Spain.

Mrs. J. H. Gardner and her children returned home last Saturday.

Miss Irene Beard has closed her school at Glendale and returned home.

A new telephone line has been completed to Kirk and Jolly's Station.

Mr. Hardin, attorney from Brandenburg, was here one day last week.

You can buy more goods for less money at Witt's than anywhere else in town.

Mrs. Aaron Norton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Richardson, at Garfield.

The Sunday-school convention will open at Stephensport tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

The Sunday-school at Garfield will create children's day about the third Monday in June.

From all indications there seems to be a little unpleasantness between Spain and the United States.

Rev. J. T. Moore preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. The church has called him to this work regularly.

All persons indebted to C. D. Payne will please come forward and settle without further cost. G. W. Payne, assignee.

The machinery for the new flouring mill at Jolly's Station, is being put in place and will be in running order in a few days.

Capt. Wm. Vest is no more. We have had many a cordial hand-shake with him and he will be missed along the beaten paths which he has followed in Cloverport for so many, many years.

Constipation

"Constipation is the sickness in the world. It causes the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, headache, nervousness, etc. Hood's Pills are the best remedy for constipation. They are easy to take, and produce results, easily and thoroughly. See all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla."

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OCEAN

In the future, as in the past, is to merit your patronage on the actual truth of all assertions we make, and when we say MORE AND BETTER VALUES FOR YOUR MONEY THAN ANY ONE ELSE WILL GIVE YOU We mean just what we say. A few items will herewith follow that perhaps will be of interest to you:

WASH GOODS.

4c per yard for real exclusive styles in lawns worth 5 cents.

71-2c per yard for a quality that is good and stylish and usually sells at 10c.

10c per yard buys a nice pattern and of good quality of Organdie that other stores ask 12½ cents for.

12½c per yard for the new, set and prettiest styles in Madras and Organdies that are worth 15 cents.

BELTS. Jewel and leather belts from 15c up that are very pretty. You should see them. Also ladies purses and books from 5 to 75c.

Lace Curtains from 50c per pair up.

Window Shades, Scrim Children, Straw Hats, Ribbons, Trimmings, Embroidery, Laces &c., &c.

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N. H. Beard, cashier of the bank of Hardinsburg, writes from Utah that he may not return home for some time yet on account of his health.

If Captain General Blanco's torpedo fleet could head around and work up the Ohio river there would be some fellows in Cloverport and Hardinsburg that would take to the woods.

Notice. Go to A. A. Richardson, Garfield, for your millinery goods. Hats trimmed in the very best style by a first-class milliner. Full line of fertilizers. Wall paper. All kinds of mercantile goods at the very lowest prices.

Discussing the war with Spain a few days ago were a number of fellows, sitting around the county clerk's office. Not one of them expressed a willingness to help Uncle Sam. Some of them were old vets of '64 and they knew what it meant to face shot and shell, but said that if it came to the worst, we could try it again.

IRVINGTON.

The German supper of a recent date, given by the ladies of the R. V. R. U., was a complete success both socially and financially. The house was beautifully decorated with the German colors blended with the red, white and blue.

The German national hymn was the first number on the musical program which closed with the Star Spangled Banner, sung in a spirited way. The German supper was heartily enjoyed, and the German men was the occasion of much merriment.

The club wishes to thank the public for its cooperation and endorsement of their aim to establish a library. If the representative members of the community, who are not members of the club, would interest themselves sufficiently in the matter to join the library—which can be done by the payment of a sum hereafter to be fixed by the club—much good could be accomplished in the community. Very large matters have grown from smaller beginnings. This big, overgrown country of ours, came from a few struggling colonies on the Atlantic coast. Let us put forth every effort to make our library a permanent one for the benefit of the community.

The next regular meeting of the club will be with Mrs. R. B. McClintock on May 6. A full attendance is necessary in order to pass upon some very important matters relating to the circle. Lesson, "Completing the Life Among the Germans." Answer to roll call with quotations about women.

James Moorman, of Big Spring, Dead.

Mr. James Moorman, after an illness of three years died Sunday evening, April 24th. He leaves a son and daughter to whom we extend our sincere sympathies.

Misses Lillian and Virgie Rhodes are enjoying a beautiful summer home, "Higwood Tryst."

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Stomach Trouble

Stomach trouble is the common name applied to a derangement of the system which is keenly felt but vaguely understood. It may mean inability to retain food or to digest it. It may mean nausea, pain after eating, fullness, inordinate craving for food, or entire lack of appetite. Whatever it means, there's a trouble, and it's with the stomach. If you have stomach trouble, you will be interested in this letter from a man who had it and was cured by

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For nine years I suffered from stomach trouble. I tried the aid of the best doctors of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and spent large sums of money, all in vain. One day while waiting a train in Ballou, O., I picked up a paper with a notice of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I got one bottle to try it. It did me so much good I purchased five more bottles. I took four of them and gained in flesh, my appetite improved, and now I can eat anything. My stomach is all right, thanks to the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla."—CALVIN M. BROWN, Uniontown, Pa.

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Already more than a million of our have offered their services to fight against Spain, and we can furnish many more if necessary. This is a great country.

GRAYSON COUNTY.

